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ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCED

In celebration of Nevada Archaeological Awareness and Historic Preservation Month, a four-part archaeology film festival entitled **Uncovering the Past** will be held at Great Basin College. The films will be shown on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on May 10, 17, 24, and 31 in the Greenhaw Technical Arts Building Room 130. The festival is free to the public.

The film festival schedule is:

May 10 - ***Lost Kingdom of the Maya***

May 17 - ***Secrets of Lost Canyon***

May 24 - ***Bones of Contention***

May 31 - ***Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade***

"All the films are fascinating and look at different aspects of archaeology," said Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Archaeologist Bill Fawcett. "The film ***Secrets of Lost Canyon*** is about the amazingly well-preserved Fremont culture finds in central Utah that came to light a few years ago. The talk following the film will discuss how to deal with issues of multiple use such as oil and gas development and at the same time protect and investigate a world class archaeological district."

"BLM Native American Specialist Gerald Dixon will lead the discussion for the film ***Bones of Contention***. The issue of how to deal with human remains can be very contentious. On one hand, many people feel it is a sacrilege to excavate remains and study them. On the other hand, many scientists are researching diseases such as diabetes and using genetics from old bones to aid their research. The research also provides information of interest about the people being studied," Fawcett added.

This year's theme for the annual May activities is "Home Means Nevada." In addition to the films, there will be public tours. Schedules, brochures, and posters for this year's activities for Nevada Archaeological Awareness and Historic Preservation Month are available at the BLM Elko Field Office, 3900 East Idaho Street in Elko.

Local partners for the May activities are Carlin Trend Mining Services; Great Basin College; Northeastern Nevada Museum; Elko County Chapter of the Nevada Archaeological Association; Elko County Library; and BLM Elko Field Office.

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